

Assembly Bill No. 1565

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CHAPTER _____

An act to add Section 9103.2 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to veterans.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1565, V. Manuel Pérez. California Department of Aging: grants: LGBT veteran services.

Existing law, the Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act, establishes the California Department of Aging and sets forth its duties and powers, including, among other things, administering all programs under the act and the federal Older Americans Act of 1965, which includes providing technical assistance to area agencies on aging, program managers, staff, and volunteers providing services. Existing law provides findings and declarations relating to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender seniors and requires each area agency on aging to include the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender (LGBT) seniors in its needs assessment and area plans.

This bill would authorize the Director of the California Department of Aging to provide grants, to the extent appropriations are made for this purpose, to nonprofit organizations with experience providing services and training that are culturally competent and sensitive to issues relating to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community. The bill would require nonprofit organizations receiving those grant funds to, among other things, provide training, outreach, and education to agencies, individuals, and other appropriate entities that provide services to veterans who are elder and LGBT.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 9103.2 is added to the Welfare and Institutions Code, to read:

9103.2. (a) The Director of the California Department of Aging may, to the extent appropriations are made for this purpose, provide grants to nonprofit organizations with experience providing services and training that are culturally competent and sensitive

to issues relating to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community.

(b) (1) Nonprofit organizations receiving grants under this section shall use grant funds to do all of the following:

(A) Provide outreach to elder veterans who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender (LGBT).

(B) Refer, as appropriate, elder, LGBT veterans to agencies, individuals, and other appropriate entities that provide services to elder, LGBT veterans.

(C) Provide training, outreach, and education to, and coordinate with, agencies, individuals, and other appropriate entities that provide services to elder, LGBT veterans.

(2) For the purposes of this subdivision, an appropriate entity that provides services to elder, LGBT veterans includes, but is not limited to, organizations authorized to prepare, present, and prosecute a claim before the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, such as county veterans' service offices and congressionally chartered veterans service organizations.

(c) Grants made pursuant to this section shall be awarded through a request for proposal process.

Approved _____, 2014

Governor